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# RUTHERFORD COLLEGE



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## CALENDAR

### 1917

Aug. 28, Tuesday, 8:45 A. M.—First term begins.  
Nov. 30, Thursday, Thanksgiving Day—A holiday.  
Dec. 17, Monday—Fall term examinations begin.  
Dec. 21, Friday—Christmas recess.

### 1918

Jan. 1, Tuesday, 8:45 A. M.—Second term begins.  
Feb. 22, Friday—Washington's Birthday—a holiday.  
April 29, Monday—Final examinations begin.  
May 5, Sunday—Annual sermon to Y. M. C. A.  
May 7, Tuesday—Commencement sermon.  
May 8, Wednesday—Commencement address—Graduating exercises.

NOTE—Chapel exercises at beginning of terms will be held at 2 o'clock, P. M. Office hours to begin on the hours indicated in catalogue—8:45 A. M.









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# General Information

## HISTORICAL SKETCH

The origin of Rutherford College antedates by several years the great civil strife among the States. The school was begun in order to meet a local need, and was conducted distinctly as a local school until the year 1871. In 1871, after the war clouds had passed away and the soldiers had returned to their homes from the contest to regain their lost fortunes, the institution entered upon the second stage of its history. Through the generosity of Mr. John Rutherford, two hundred acres of land were set aside and given to the authorities on condition that the school be made an academy. The offer was accepted and the school received the name of Rutherford Academy. It continued to be known by this name until 1873, when an additional offer of two hundred acres of land was made on condition that the academy be made into a college. The authorities accepted the grant of land, made improvements on the buildings, greatly enlarged the curriculum, and acquired a charter from the Legislature of North Carolina. From that time till the school passed into the hands of the Conference it was conducted under the charter as Rutherford College.

Dr. R. L. Abernethy, a man of strong character and large brain, had the school in charge from the time of its foundation to his death, which occurred on November 27, 1893. The school was very ably governed under the administration of Dr. Abernethy. He was succeeded in the presidency by his son, Prof. W. E. Abernethy, who managed the school until 1900 when the school passed into the hands of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Many useful men were educated under the old regime. The Conference decided to conduct the institution as a secondary school of higher order. Dr. C. C. Weaver was chosen president. He continued in control of the school until 1903, when Prof. A. C. Reynolds was elected to the presidency of the college.



In 1905, Rev. J. H. West, Presiding Elder of the Morganton district, was chosen by the board of trustees as successor to Professor Reynolds, to serve until the convening of the approaching Annual Conference in November, at which time Prof. Loy D. Thompson was selected to take charge of the school. In December, 1906, Professor Thompson resigned because of ill health. Prof. W. W. Peele was elected as his successor. In 1909 Prof. Peele resigned in order to enter pastoral work and Prof. I. B. McKay was elected to take his place. Professor McKay served two years and Professor M. T. Hinshaw was elected to succeed him.

### **LOCATION.**

Rutherford College, Burke County, N. C., is at a distance of only three-fourths of a mile from Connelly Springs, on the Southern Railway. It is admirably situated, being in close proximity to Lenoir, Hickory and Morganton. The above places, each about ten miles from the College, are at a distance such that the students can conveniently do necessary shopping at any of them and yet the College be free from the evils that are incident to the town. The moral sentiment is of a very high grade. Students are surrounded by good influences, and it is safe to say that no student will leave the school without feeling that he has lived in a place where there is a premium on right conduct.

The natural advantages of Rutherford College are not surpassed in the State. Situated on the foothills that lead up to the Blue Ridge, at an elevation of 1,200 feet above the sea, and encircled by the most inspiring mountain scenery, it is ideal as a site for a school and as a home for those who love "God's-out-of-doors." The location is especially noted for its healthfulness. Several years ago the United States Geological Survey, after examining the soil, stated that Burke County is one of the most healthful localities in the United States. The climate is all that could be desired.

We have two mails each day to and from Connelly Springs, and telephone service.

### **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

Through the generosity of Dr. T. V. Goode and Mr. J. E. Coulter, about twenty-five acres of land came into the hands of the trustees in 1914. To this plot has been added an equal amount making the campus of



New Rutherford College, and promises to be among the prettiest school grounds in the State.

There are three buildings at present on the new campus and plans are under way to erect another brick building this summer—a dormitory to accommodate one hundred boys.

The Administration Building is a large brick structure with a commodious study hall furnished with single desks, four large recitation rooms furnished with the best recitation seats, and others to be furnished, three society halls of more than ordinary size and beauty, an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 800, offices, basement and laboratory. The entire building is steam heated.

The next largest building on the campus is a dormitory constructed of the timber from the old college building. This is a large building containing thirty-two bed rooms, dining hall and kitchen, and three rooms for matron and managers.

The third building is a cottage with six rooms, now occupied by two married ministerial students.

### **DINING HALL AND DORMITORY SYSTEM**

Under the management of capable matrons, our dining hall and dormitory system is successful. Table board is furnished at actual cost. They have kept the average cost at about \$7.50 a month during the last two years.

Each room in the dormitories is furnished with all necessary heavy furniture, and can be secured for one dollar per month. Where two students occupy one room, the price will be fifty cents each. This dining hall and dormitory system enables any young man to attend Rutherford College a scholastic year for \$110. Five dollars must be paid in advance each month.

### **CHARACTER AND OBJECT OF THE SCHOOL**

The school has long been chartered as a College. When it passed into the hands of the church, the agreement was that it should be conducted as a secondary institution of higher grade. It was thought best to leave the name unchanged, but at the same time it was distinctly understood that no degrees should be given. Rutherford College is, therefore, properly classified among the secondary schools of the church. It is first



of all a high-grade fitting school intending to prepare young men for college. To this end it offers thorough courses leading up to a college course. These courses are based on the requirements for admission into the best Southern Colleges. The completion of the course entitles the student to a certificate. However, it is emphasized that the end to be sought is not merely possession of this certificate, but a sure foundation in the ground work of education.

The school also intends to provide, for persons of limited means or time, a good general education. Many think they can never go to college, a large majority of the citizens of our State being in this class, and for these provision is made, enabling them in this school to acquire even more than a secondary education. To do this, work will be planned for those students who wish to do some college work, but feel that they are not able to attend the larger and more expensive institutions.

Under the management of the Methodist Church, the school has not only taken high rank among the secondary schools of the State, but is each year sending out many students, who teach in other schools, enter the regular ministry, or go to some of our best colleges, for the purpose of securing a higher education or preparing for some profession. The work of the school has obtained for itself favorable recognition from our best institutions.

Thus the College has become an important factor in the education of the State.

Rutherford College is a Christian school, under the management of the Western North Carolina Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South. It believes in Christian education. It is a school with a purpose, and this purpose may be stated in a few words—the thorough development of all the powers of the student with such direction as to lead up to the highest type of Christian manhood and womanhood.

### **EXPENSES**

The intention of the management of Rutherford College is to place a good education within reach of all. To this end every effort is being made to reduce to the lowest the necessary expense of an education at this school. While the expenses at school vary according to the habits of the student, yet a good average may be





secured from the following table:

Tuition .....	\$36.00
Matriculation (term) .....	3.50
Table board per month .....	\$7.50 to 10.00
Board and room in family .....	10.00
Room in dormitory per month .....	.50
Society dues per year .....	2.00
Laundry per month .....	.60

There are also three special departments for which fees are charged:

Shorthand and Typewriting, combined, per term . . .	\$25.00
Music, Instrumental, per month . . . . .	3.00
Public Speaking, per month . . . . .	3.00

A fee of fifty cents per month will be charged for use of piano in practice.

The matriculation, athletic and damage fees are paid at the beginning of each term and no student can enter school until these fees are paid.

Each dormitory in the building is furnished with a bed, with springs and mattresses, washstands, table chairs, and a heater. Other things necessary are to be furnished by the students. Every occupant is held responsible for any disorder occurring in his room, and must pay for any damage to furniture beyond necessary use. A deposit of \$1.00 is required of each student who takes a room in the dormitory. When he leaves his room in good condition this fee is returned. Wood can be secured at \$2.00 per cord. Books can be had at cost from the book room, which is controlled by the College

The above rates are as low as can be offered. Tuition will be charged by the quarter, and must be paid on or before September 10 for the first quarter, on or before November 10 for the second quarter, on or before January 10 for the third quarter, and on or before March 10 for the fourth quarter. No student will be received for less than one quarter.

### **SONS OF MINISTERS**

Sons of ministers in active service are charged only half tuition. They are required to pay in full all other school fees.

### **CANDIDATES FOR THE MINISTRY**

Candidates for the ministry must be bona fide candi-



dates when they enter school, otherwise they can not be classed as ministerial students. The candidates must bring recommendations, one from his pastor and one from his presiding elder, at the time he enters school. All who do this will be required to give their notes for tuition. If they enter the regular ministry within a reasonable time after leaving school these notes will be surrendered to them; otherwise they will be collected.

### CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

There are two ways in which students may be admitted. In the first place, they may enter by certificate from schools of recognized standing. These certificates will admit a student to the classes for which he is prepared. Other students will be assigned to classes for which they are suited. A student who has been conditioned at entrance on a subject may be allowed to take advanced work, but in all cases he must remove the conditions in a manner satisfactory to the instructor.

### STANDARD OF SCHOLARSHIP

We make the quality of work done, and not quantity, our standard. We insist on thoroughness—not on examination only, but in every-day recitation work. The final grading is done on an average, counting two-thirds on daily grades and one-third on examination. The work assigned for each recitation must be done.

The following is our method of grading:

- 90-100, Excellent "A"
- 80-90, Good "B"
- 70-80, Fair "C"
- 60-70, Conditional "D"
- 0-60, Failed "E"

These grades are made out by the instructors on the basis of both recitation and examination. A student who has failed on any subject shall be entitled to a second examination, provided that application for such examination is made within one month from the time of failure.

### HOURS AND CREDITS

A course once entered must not be discontinued before the end of the term, except by consent of the Faculty. Every student must have at least eighteen hours of recitation work a week.



## GOVERNMENT

The essential element of all government is authority. In any well organized community, whether it be a municipal or college community, there must necessarily be governors and those who are governed. The Faculty here makes it a point to instruct the students in the necessity of yielding obedience to constituted authority. When a student refuses to abide by the regulations of the school management and persists in displaying the spirit of insubordination, his immediate withdrawal from our institution is required.

## EXAMINATIONS AND REPORTS

Two examinations are held during the year—one in December, and the other in May. The examinations are written and are three hours in length. Upon these together with recitation work, depends the advancement of students to higher classes. A student absent from a final examination, will be required to take the examinations on his return to school; he will be charged a fee of \$3.00 for these special examinations.

Two reports of the work and conduct of the students are sent parents and guardians during the year. Parents are urged to write freely, and their letters shall receive prompt attention.

## LITERARY SOCIETIES.

The students maintain three well-organized literary societies, known as the Platonic, Newtonian and Victorian. These societies have been organized, and are controlled by the students. The Platonic Society was organized in 1860; the Newtonian in 1858; and the Victorian in 1901.

These organizations have been an essential part in the machinery of the school, and are regarded by both Faculty and students as indispensable auxiliaries in the cultivation of oratory, forensic discussions, declamation and composition. All public speeches must be submitted to a member of the Faculty before they are spoken in public.

In these society halls the student not only learns to think on his feet and express himself intelligently and with skill, but also has an opportunity to familiarize himself with parliamentary laws and practices and the rules that govern all public assemblies. These halls



serve the young men and women of today as training schools, in which may be learned lessons of self-control, honor and faithfulness to duties assigned. The Faculty considers the work of these societies very important. In fact, the authorities of the school regard the work done by the student in the society meeting as so helpful, beneficial and of so much significance in his college life, as to warrant them in making it compulsory for all students of the school to connect themselves with one or the other of the societies.

The halls are well fitted up and handsome in every way. They are furnished with chairs, their walls are papered and their floors are carpeted. Three more elegantly equipped and tastefully arranged society halls cannot be found among the secondary schools of the State.

### **LIBRARY**

The use a young man makes of a library, and the frequency with which he resorts to it for information, serves as a partial index to the nature of the work being done by him. The library is the workshop of the College, and should be so regarded by the students. A librarian has charge of the books, and sees that they are not abused or misplaced. The doors of the library are opened from 4 to 5 during which time books may be taken out under prescribed regulations.

Of course, in the short time we have had in building up the library, we have not been able to collect a great many books. The work of securing books for the library has just begun. There has been erected on the College Campus a library building, the gift of Mr. Andrew Carnegie to the town of Rutherford College. The college library is placed in this building. Here all the books and periodicals belonging to the school are kept. The best magazines are received regularly, thanks to the generosity of Mr. G. F. Ivey, of Hickory, N. C.

### **RELIGIOUS ADVANTAGES**

**Rev. B. Wilson**

The authorities of this institution realize that the young women and young men are away from the influences and restraints of home at the most critical period of life. Therefore it is their sincere endeavor to bring to bear the most direct and intentional effort for the purpose of securing the highest and noblest spiritual





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on Livy. Four hours a week fall term. Selections from the Sateres and Epistles, Odes and Episodes of Horace. The Meters of Horace. Four hours a week spring term.

### ~~COLLEGE DEPARTMENT~~

Freshman year—~~Homer's Iliad~~. Four hours a week throughout the year. Four hours a week with the study of Homeric form; construction and Prosody. Grammar and Composition.

### ~~SCIENCE~~

Course 2—Physiology  
a week.

Course 3—Physics (Carhardt & Chute.) Three hours  
a week.



but also to arouse and develop interest in the subject.

A course in Theory and History of Music is required before any one may be entitled to a certificate. Recitals are given in order that the pupils may become

The Discipline, Banks Manual Swinton's History and other subjects preparatory to securing license to preach and to entering Conference.



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